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**Wayne Resident Takes Oath as Superior Court Judge**

On Jan. 30, Judge Rudolph A. Filko took the oath of appointment as a Superior Court judge in the Passaic Vicinage. Judge Filko comes to the Superior Court bench from a distinguished career in the law.

Judge Filko began his legal career as a law clerk for Judge Amos Saunders in 1987. He then went into private practice for 15 years with his partner, Philip H. Mizzone Jr, who was named a Superior Court judge in 2004. Following his career in private practice, Judge Filko accepted a position in the U.S. Attorneys Office in Newark as an assistant U.S. attorney and eventually became the deputy chief of the Civil Division, a position he held until his appointment to the bench.

Judge Filko was sworn in by Judge Mizzone, his former partner, in the ceremonial courtroom at the Passaic Vicinage Superior Court. Vicinage Assignment Judge Robert J. Passero said, "It is with great pleasure that I welcome Judge Filko to the bench and I look forward to working with him." In his remarks, Judge Filko expressed how humbled he was by his appointment and how proud his father, Rudolph G. Filko, would have been to see this event.

Judge Filko lives in Wayne with his wife Janet and his sons, Ryan and Steven.

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